AN OATH OF SELF-SLAUGHTER.

An Association Formed in a Saloon as a Joke the dice." Assumes Practical Shape of a Most Hidious Nature.

On evening, six years ago last spring, there t around a large table in the barroom of hn Kinzie's saloon at Bridgeport, Conn., a half dozen men, five of whom were Germans and one American born. Glasses of beer from



THE HOME OF THE CLUB

which the froth was slowly vanishing stood before them untasted. The companions were not talking, save in a jerky, desultory sort of fashion, but they snoked in a grim, persistent way that told of meditation. The night was surm and the door stood ajar. Outside the rain poured down incessantly, ever and anon the thunder growled like a wild beast hungry for its prey, and the lightning flashed its darts of flame across the inky sky. An occa-sional gust of wind rolled in, whereat the gas would flare and the curling tobacco smoke assume fantastic shapes. A blast of extra force roused one of the number from his in-"Dreadful weather," he muttered, seizing

his glass and draining its contents. "It gives me the horrors almost." The others followed his example and emp-

tied their mugs.

Kinzie arose with the remark: "Well, now you must take a round with me."

'No, sir, it's on me; what'll you have,

The voice was that of a new comer, who had that instant entered the door. His face were the bright, audacious, aggressive look of the man of the world, and it also bore the of the man of the world, and it has stamp of youth and health and hope. Each throat.

The bone's countenance brightened at his greeting.

The bactual sections. He

"What's the matter with you fellows! When ame in you all looked as if you were ready



JOHN KINZIE.

Here, indeed, was an idea to drive away ennui and gloom. All acquiesced, and the proposer of the scheme, George Leavenworth, city editor of The Bridgeport Farmer, drew paper and peucli from his pocket and drafted a constitution and oath of initiation. By the provisions of the former document any one weary of life was declared eligible. The club was to meet monthly, "or oftener," in Kin-gie's saloon, and on each auniversary of its hirth the members were to shake "poker dice." The one making the smallest cast was bound by the vow to which he subscribed to kill blauself within the ensuing twelvemonth Those who affixed their names to the grussome documents were Max Heisterbagen William Meckel, John Kinzie, Wendell Baum, Carl Roberts, Max Pfalzenheim and Georgi

"Now, gentlemen," cried the last named schooners around in which to drink merrly, sensoners around in which to dring short life and happy exit to the members of the Bridgeport Suicide club, and while John draws the beer I'll give you a verse or two suitable to the event. Silence all."

And he began that famous song written by an English officer in India when the cholera ed down men more swiftly than the

We meet 'neath the sounding rafter, And the walls around are bare; As they echo our peals of laughter, It seems that the dead are there.

Then stand by your glasses steady, This world in a world of lice; Here's a health to the dead already, Hurrah for the next that dies. The group seemed imbued with a certain

ical mirth; a strange recklessness tool assission of all present,
"Bring the dice," shouted some one, "We'll

chake now; we won't wait a year. Hurrah for the next that dies."

The ivery cubes were produced. Each man had three throws in which to secure as high a hand as possible. Remarkable to state—I have the story from an eyewitness—all se-cured four of a kind; but Heisterhagen and Kinzie, the lowest two, tied on trays and had shake a second time. The latter threw ee fours and a pair of deuces. The former got two sixes, two fives and a four. His cast was lower than any of the others; he had drawn death in the lottery of the dice, and

by the terms of the compact he was bound to kill nimself within the year. But it was all a joke, a ghastly sort of amusement concocted to while away the rs and in consonance with the thunder. lightning and the storm. As the comnions prepared to seek their homes they uckled over the joby evening they had

spent together, and congratulated Leaven-worth on his novel scheme for dispelling the "blue devils" that had enveloped them prior

Don't forget to kill yourself," they cried after Heisterhagen as he said good night, and plewed his way down a side thoroughfure

That was the last ever seen of Max Heisteringen alive. He went to his salcon on-Gold street, unlocked the door, lit the gas, wrote a note, took a pistel from a drawer back of the bar and blew out his brains. The note was addressed to "my respected friends and fellow members of the suicide club," and the message was simply this: "I have kept : my outh. I warn you to keep yours."

Heisterhagen was buried with all the hon-ors. The brass band of which be had been a member played at his funeral, and the men who sat with him that tempestious evening in Kinzie's saloon contributed a magnificent The Grim Story of the Bridgeport Suicide Club.

in Klazie's saloon contributed a magnificent floral offering which was to be the first of many of its kind. The twelvemouth passed, and the suicide was almost forgotten. The members of the "club" had not sought with much enthusiasm to calibrate each other's acceptance. quaintance, but on the anniversary they all-chanced to meet at Kinzie's saloon. There had been no prearrangement. What did it

"It is fate," said Roberts. "Let us throw

They did so, and William Meckel lost. Then they drank, and drank deeply. The spell of that former meeting seemed to be upon them. A hideous mirth unchained each e's tongue and impelled him to chant the charms of the grave and the wearings of life. A chair was set at the table for Heisfer-hagen. They shouted for his ghost to join them, and placed a glass of liquor in front of the empty seat. They asked friends who dropped in to become members of the club, and secured several additions to their num-

Four months afterward William Meckel cut his throat and Carl Roberts went mad. The dead man was given an expensive fu-neral, and the one dead in life was taken to the Middletown Asylum for the Insanc,

The pen almost wearies of setting down the etails. Let me summarize in brief the



THE FLORAL TRIBUTE TO MAYBIE. this league until the present time, giving in

1. Max Heisterhagen, saloon keeper, shot

2. William Meckel, sign painter, cut his throat. 3. John Kinzle, saloon keeper, shot himself. 4. George Leavenworth, newspaper man,

took landanum. 5. Wendell Baum, proprietor New Haven hotel, cut his throat in New York city.

one's countenance is igntened as the same and inner serious the countenance is igntened as a countenanc actual associate of the club, as at the time of tion nor the oath. But he was given a funeral as complete in all its appoin were those of his predecessors. His wife is

"" what's the use of live the makhouse. With one of them, the president, I talked at length the other evening. The world neither affirm nor deny the report that he was intending to join his friends in the mysterious land beyond the grave. I will say." be life, it is his prerogative to cost it aside as he would an old cost. If I choose to commit suicide, it is nobody's -- business but my

> A peculiar moral atmosphere seems to pervade Bridgeport regarding this matter. I re-peated the last sentence of the president's remarks to Mr. Montignani, a well known photo grapher of that city, and he commented: - is correct. If he chooses to take his own life it's nobody's



THE PERSIDENT STILL ALIVE.

[From a Shotch.] It is proper to add that Mr. Weber, the propriator of the saloon formerly pt by Kinzie, never had anything to do with the suicide club. FRED C. DAVION.

The Screens Must Come Down. Edgerton, Kan., is not a large town, bet it bas been heard from. At the recent munisipal election the women turned out in force
and elected their ticket, which did not bear the name of a single man. The question at issue was whether the billiard halls should the name of a single man. The question at issue was whether the billiard halls should issue was whether the billiard halls should run with screens to the windows or net. The result of the balloting means that the screens must exme down. Most of the young men voted for the women's ticket because they had to that is, the failure to cast an antiversen ballot meant the loss of sweethearts and ostracism by all the maidens of the villege.

Issue was whether the billiard halls should run with screens for bread is an accomplishment that no girl need to described. The kneading is a grand exercise.

Don't make appointments with genties or at any place but at your father's house. Don't marry a drinking man. If the sweethearts will not give up the drinking habit, it is very certain the husband will not.

Brokeley—My dear sir, I am a man of honor, I will pay you that money, sir, if I have to steal it.—Munsey's Weekly.

Cowing to the not southern winds the oat crop is certain to be of a low and probably poor quality. Another crop of great importance—potatoes—has also been much daminged by the drought. A low rate of yield is assured.

Jaysmith (to Miss Laker, of Chicago)—Miss Livewayt is very sarcastic, isn't she?

At Orrville, O., recently, a birthday party was given at the home of Finley Caskey. Among those present were Robert Caskey, aged 20, and Alice Rupp, his handsome sweet-heart. Caskey grew lealons at the attentions other young men paid Miss Hupp, and, procuring a revolver, seet at, but missed, his uncle. He then shot himself through the

All the World to Him.

"George," asked the sweet young thing, "George, how far is it around the world?

"Just about nineteen inches," replied George. "See, my arm goes around it without any trouble."-Lawrence Amer-

A Subject He Was Familiar With. for matriculation)-What do you know

about acoustics? Young Farmer-I know she does if she gets into deep enough mud.-Yeno-

No Settlement.

"If I have ever used any unkind words to you, Sarah," said Mr. Henpeck calm-ly, "I will take them all back."

"Yes, indeed!" she replied; "I suppose so you can use them all over again."-

Driven to It.

"Now, papa," said the summer girl gayly, "what do you think is the best summer resort? "Suicide," said the old man disconsolately.-Washington Press.

FOR THE FAIR SEX.

Perfect healthfulness is impossible without perfect cleanliness. Frequent bathing is necessary to free the mouths of the inumerable little sweat glands from obstructions, and permit the eliminations of impurities from the body. Another important effect of the bath is its influence on the circulation of the blood. A bath, properly taken, invariably accelerates the circula-

One should never bathe immediately after taking a hearty meal, but should wait two hours at least; nor should be bathe when greatly fatigued. The best time is just be-

greatly fatigued. The best time is just be fore retiring at night.

The entire body should be bathed two or three times during the week in the winter, and from three to seven times a week during the summer months.

It should be remembered that a quick, hot bath, especially when followed by a cold spenging, is strengthening, while to remain long in a warm buth is weakening. A hot bath is one in which the temperature is from 50 to 80 degrees; a warm bath is from 70 to 80 degrees; a warm bath is from 70 to 80 degrees, and a cold bath, below 60 degrees.

There are many people to whom a cold bath is injurious, it should not be induged unless, when it is followed by drying and rubbing, the skin glows, and a grateful feeling of warmth is felt throughout the body.

It is desirable to exercise a little before

ut the body. It is desirable to exercise a little before bathing, either by taking a short, brisk: WASHINGTON, Aug. 9.—The President's walk, or by using dumb bells or Indian clubs Boston trip comes opportunely for his peace walk, or by using dumb bells or Indian clubs for a few minutes. The temperature of the bath room should be from 75 to 80 degrees. The regular bath of the average person should be taken at a temperature of from 75 to 90 degrees. The soap used should be such as does not irritate the skin. There is none better than the genuine white castile. One should remain in the bath not more than ten or twelve minutes, using soap and sponge freely. It is well to use the cold water faucet two or three minutes before stepping out, or to take a cool spray or surrender to eyes so brilliant and power.

"I presume so, but fively who sent them favors of the kind the whence they come." "I'm a man of busi money without any punderstand?" "Perfectly, suh, an sponge freely. It is well to use the cold water faucet two or three minutes before stepping out, or to take a cool spray or surrender to eyes so brilliant and power.

stepping out, or to take a cool spray or surrender to even so brilliant and power-shower bath instead. shower bath instead.

Immediately upon leaving the bath it is well to envelope one's self in a loose gown of Turkish toweling or thick flannel. This will prevent rapid evaporation and the chilling of the body, and absorb much of the moisture on the skin. The skin should then be rubbed with a warm towel till perfectly warm and dry. The use of the fiesh brush is strengthening and healthful.

A Remedy for Fat or Lean People.

It is proverbial that "people are never satisfied." This is certainly true of fat and lean people. The fat ones wish to be lean lean people. The fat ones wish to be lear lean people. The fat ones wish to be lean

We quote below the regime that reduced the Duchess of Marlborough many pounds of weight. You can adopt no better rules if you will to get rif of excessive adipose tissue. If too lean simply reverse

Senate is about evenly divided. Mr. Blaine's friends in Congress were disappointed when, instead of coming here, he went back to Bar Harbor from Cape May. Their idea was that his presence here would be worth many votes to his reciprocity region. "No morsel of bread, cakes, rolfs or "No morsel of bread, cakes, rolls or pastry. No tea, coffee, chocolate or sweet wine. No potatoes, peas, rice, carrots, turnips, macaroni, cheese, butter, cream custard, jellies or sweets. Not a drop of ice water. No warm baths. No flannel and only enough clothing to keep warm. No bed-room heat. Not a drop of any liquid food at meals. In place of bread she had fruits. Her diet was limited to two meals a day, breakfest at 10 and dinner at meals a day, breakfast at 10 and dinner at 7. She had the following bill of fare to

meals a day, breakfast at 10 and dinner at 7. She had the following bill of fare to select from: Rare, lean meats, game and poultry, soft-belied eggs, sea foods, toast, lettace, spinach, celery, cresses, fruits.

She drank half a gallon of hot water every day, with lemen inice in it to take away the flattaste. Cold water was denied ber, and, alas, claret and champagne strictly forbidden. She was even forced to forego the huxury of bathing in water, in place of which she had sponge and vapor baths very frequently. Every few days she took a fast, allowing the system to consume the adipose tissue. While no limit was put upon the pleasure of driving and riding, she was asked to select the roughest, reckiest roads, and to walk from five to ten miles each day in the open air.

The duchess followed these rules for three years. She now weighs 140 pounds. She is called one of the handsomest women in New York. Her sees are bright com. She is called one of the handsomest women

in New York. Her eyes are bright, com-plexion perfect, and she enjoys perfect health.

Putting by Odd Pennies.

A small satsuma jar that stands on the lesk of a busy woman receives the odd pennies, or what she calls "the unexpected money," that is found loose in the pockets to THE HERALD. |- The bank clearings for or in bureau drawers. There will never be canough money in it to found a hospital, or to build a home for insane dogs; there is always enough to send a posy to a sick friend, a paper to somebody away off where reading material is very scarce, or to buy a souvenir to somebody for a birthday surprise. Once started and well managed the box is like the widow's cruse—never empty.

never empty.

Do not count the contents except when you are taking stock with a view to a pur-94.4 to 83.2 in spring wheat; from 91.6 to Counting seems to break the spell. Pen. 70.1 in oats; from 38.3 to 82.8 in barley.

less are gregarious, and where one goes an-ther wants to follow. Let them form a community on the savings box and just see how they will gather; leaves in Vallambrosa will be as nothing

required prefix. Men may treat you as a good comrade, but they never marry such girls.

Don't come down to breakfast with a torn wrapper, slovenly shoes, "bangs" done up

The southern division of the counties of good comrade, but they never marry such

wrapper, slovenly shoes, "bangs" done up in curl papers, and back hair in a cracker knot on top of the head. You will never see any one better to dress for than those in the home circle. They are the ones to be cheered by your sweet, wholesome appearance, and not strangers.

Don't be askamped to bein mother with the southern division of the counties of Indiana and Hinois received greater damage than the northwest. Iowa and Nebraska are nearly in the status of the Onio valley while Minnesota and Kansas have the highest axerage of all the states.

There has been a considerable reduction in the condition of spring wheat amount.

Don't accept promiscuous invitations. It only cheapens you, and draw you into a circle of acquaintances you may some time regret having formed. Young women cannot be too careful about the company

they keep.

In a word, girls, try to be true women, and by so deing you will gain an influence which, like a sweet perfame, will shed its fragrance upon all with whom you may be brought in contact.

Joseph H. Wade Dead.

CLEVELAND, Aug. 9. - Joseph H. Wade, track was muddy. Three-fourths of a aged 79, one of Cleveland's wealthiest citizens, died this morning after an illness of a Terrific third. Time-1:1614. zens, died this morning after an illness of a few days. He was the first presiden, of the Pacific Telegraph company and first president of the Western Union telegraph, which position he held until 1857. He en-joyed the distinction of being probably the oldest telegraph operator in the country, and it was he who originated the idea of in-closing the submarine cable in iron armor, thus making later continent!! companies ordest telegraph operator in the country, and it was he who originated the idea of inclosing the submarine cable in iron armor, thus making inter continentil communication by telegraph possible.

Harry L. Bryan Bead.

Pittsuugo, Aug. 9.—Harry H. Bryan, editor in chief of the Pittsburg Chronicle Telegraph, and for a number of years a director of the Associated Press, died at 1:30 this afternoon after an illness of three weeks. Deceased was 45 pears of age and for thirty years was prominently identified with Pittsburg journalism.

Cape May handicap, three-year-olds, mile and one furlong—Judge Morrow won, Chaos second, Can Can third. Time—1:56;2.

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Nihilists Arrested on Mount Blanc. BERNE, Aug. 9.-The police having reeived information that Nihilists were hold ing a meeting in a house situated at the foot of Mount Blane made a raid and arrested twenty Nihilists.

The Belt Was New. ROCHESTER, N. Y., Aug. 9.-Superintendent Barnes acknowledged to-day that the belt that ran the dynamo which killed carpets in Calder's music store.

Kemmier was a new one and nearly slipped off the pulley at the moment of the execution. Luckily a man caught the belt with a board when it was three-quarters off or the results would have been frightful.

Buckskin Joe Captured.

Congress. They have attacked not only Mr.

ciprocity project so far as a special message

improvement recently.

91.7 to 77.4.

Omaha Clearings.

decline from the 1st of July to the 1st of

August is from 93.1 to 73.3 in corn; from

The condition of potatoes is reduced from

A fall of twenty points indicates the dis-

aster which has befallen the corn crop

than the signal service record of tempera-

Poison in the Coffee.

house last evening, and is suspected of the poisoning. The victims will probably re-

Mor mouth Park Races.

Ambert handicap, two-year-olds, three

fourths of a mile-Sorcerer won, Pick-

nicker second, Fairfield third. Time-1:16.

London, Aug. 9.-The strike of the

employees at the railways in Wales con-

ninues and the mails are still carried in

wagons on the public roads. The strike has seriously affected the London shipping trade. Steamers are not able to obtain their usual supplies of Weish coal and have gone to other places for coal.

Dinwoodey has come to the front again

HIS FIRST CASE.

& Tale of the Binegrass Country, a Bill and Other Things. There lives in one of the finest counties of Kentucky an aristocratic old gentle-man, who, though brave at a time of Tolebo, Aug. 9 .- A special pension examiner has captured "Buckskin Joe," the physical trouble, has never succeeded in famous pension swindler whom the depart summoning sufficient courage to shove has been after for two years. Joe was all through the war, and in the service of the him into the recklessness of paying a debt Once the colonel was in debt to a grocer government seventeen years altogether, being a member of Custer's regiment, the Seventeenth cavalry, and being a famous scout under Custer, Terry, Crook and Reno. He represented himself to be a pension agent and got fees for agreeing to have pensions raised. that lived in a neighboring village. He must have been a new comer, for none of gentleman. One morning, just after the colonel had sat down on the gallery to

> shouted "Halloa!" "Get down and come right in, suh," the colonel called, getting up and cordially advancing to meet the visitor. "I am delighted to see you this bright morning," said the host when he had own the grocer into the house.

smoke, the grocer came to the gate and

"You don't know me, I reckon," the grocer responded, giving the old man a peculiar look out of his keen eyes of

trade. "Oh, most assuredly. You are the grocer.

"You bet. Did you get that bill-or, Washington, Aug. 9.—The President's rather, them twenty bills—I sent you?"

Boston trip comes opportunely for his peace "I presume so, but I cannot say positively who sent them. I get so many favors of the kind that I hardly know

> "I'm a man of business an' I want my money without any palarverin'. Do you "Perfectly, suh, and I cannot blame

you. Business cannot be operated with-

"But are you goin' to pay me?" "I can't pay you now."

"When can you?" "Let's see; this is the 10th of the month, ain't it?"

"That's what it is." "Ah, ha! and to-morrow will be the 11th.* "That's the size of it."

"Well, you come round between the 11th and the first of next month." "Will you pay me then?"

"No, I don't think I shall." "Then what's the use of my comin"?" "None that I can see."

Bilaine's arguments and deduction, but called into question the very statistics upon which they are based.

Opinion here as to whether or not he will send a special reciprocity message to the "Not much. What I want is my money, and I'm goin' to have it or know Mr. the reason why.

"I don't mind giving you the reason. The reason appears to be that you'll not get the money. Now look here: I have always made it a point to look with farocity project. He was strenuously urged to come here, and will be urged again, and some of his friends believe that he will soon be here. He has been advised of the pressure that is being brought to bear to induce the President to throw over the revor on the methods of life established by other men. You have your rules, and I have mine, but because our rules differ it is no reason for us to fall out. One of your rules is to collect every cent that is due you. All right. One of my rules is not to pay a cent. All right." "No. it's not all right; you bet your

life it ain't. You've simply got to pony "By the way, let me give you a piece

of advice with regard to that bill. Shall I?' "Well, then, sue me."

"I'll do it; you bet your life on that." The grocer brought suit. The colonel

promptly appeared. The case went to trial and the grocer got judgment for \$7

"I want my money now," said the "And I want mine," the colonel re clearings \$5,441,506, an increase of 27 per plad. "Yours! I don't owe you anything." cent. over the same period last year, Real estate transfers since August 1, \$1,091,024. Business is showing a decided

"Oh, yes. You see," the old man add ed, "the courts many years ago granted me license as a lawyer, and I'll be hanged if you haven't given me my first case. Here is the license."

OMARA, Neb., Aug. 9.- | Special telegram "Why, I haven't given you a case." "Oh, yes. I advised you to sue me and you did so. My fee is \$10." the week amount to \$5,107,140.03, an in-

"Mr. Billings," said the judge (and he also owed the grocer), "you will have to pay the amount." He did so, closed his store, shot the

tion in all cereals reported by the statisti-cian of the department of agriculture. The Traveler.

Supposing a Case. "It seems to be a perfectly clear case against you," said the reporter. "Why not make a clean breast of it and let m

publish your confession?" "Confession!" exclaimed the indignant prisoner. "I have nothing to confess. I leaves in Vallambrosa will be as nothing compared with them.

Some Feminine Hints

Don't use loud tones when talking, nor call men by their last names without the substitute of the effects of the effects of the contral maize districts with insufficiency of rainfall, the returns of drought which covers a broad area, and the severity of the effects pay me fur it?"—Chicago Tribune, and the severity of the effects produced are more general and depressing the several of turners. am an innocent man, sir! But if-ifs'posin' I did have a confession to make. what's the best figger your paper would

"No, thank you," she said as her partner offered her the sausage, "I do not eat it for old memory's sake.

"Ah! somebody in a railroad accident?" asked the sympathetic Bixby. "No, but my darling little Fido died yesterday."-Philadelphia Press.

Bronson-I suppose I may as well charge up that \$25 you owe me to profit and loss

Brokeley-My dear sir, I am a man of

Miss Laker (a rival belle)-Yes; her Physician, Aug. 9.-Mrs. Schmidt and mouth is a regular sar-chasm.-Yenowine's News.

poison was placed. Mr. Levi, who keeps an opposition second hand store, was seen crawling from the window in the Schmidt MONMOUTH PARK, N. J., Aug. 9 .- The mlle-Volunteer won, Madstone second,

Cottager-I ordered two dozen eggs yesterday, Mr. Crackers, and paid for them, but you only sent twenty. Mr. Crackers-Wa-al, you see, four of

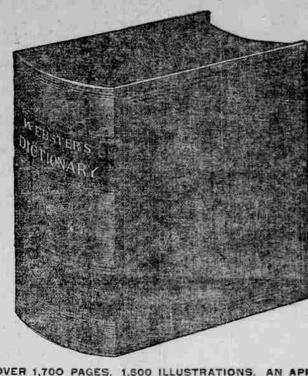
keer for 'em .- Puck. Dolly-Congratulate me, Goslin! At last I can call Miss Roxy mine. Goslin-Be careful not to call her Car-

Just for a Change. Umpire-Come in! Scaggsey-Wha' for? Umpire - You're out. - Lawrence

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